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FOR SSM

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SUBJECT: CAMEL TRACKING

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED FOR SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL DURING INVESTIGATION OF CAMEL OR OTHER INTRUSIONS OF BUFFER ZONE. SFM POLICY, WHICH I CONTINUE EMPHASIZE TO ALL STAFF, CLEARLY DEFINES OUR ROLE AS REPORTING AND UNEF'S AS IMPLEMENTING (SFM NOTICES OF 9/17/76 AND 9/18/76, AS REVISED).
2. ALMOST ALL FIRST REPORTS OF INTRUSIONS OR VIOLATIONS REQUIRE CONFIRMATORY INVESTIGATION. DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS MAY BE TURNED OVER TO UNEF OR CONDUCTED BY SFM PERSONNEL. IF UNDERTAKEN OURSELVES, SUCH INVESTIGATIONS ARE EXECUTED WITH CAUTION WITH FULL APPRECIATION SECURITY FACTORS.
3. TERSENESS OF SITREPS MAY NOT FULLY DESCRIBE SFM-UN ROLES. IN 14 CAMEL-BEDUOIN REPORTINGS SINCE AUGUST 5, SFM PERSONNEL HAVE PARTICIPATED ONLY TWICE WITH UNEF FORCES IN REMOVAL OF INTRUDERS. IN THESE TWO CASE (8/5 AND 11/17), SIZE OF GROUPS SIGHTED AND SLOWNESS OF UNEF REACTIONS

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RESULTED IN STIMULATORY ROLE BY SFM. AS A MATTER OF SOP, SFM REFERS BOTH FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION AND ACTION TO UNEF. STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT SFM PERSONNEL WILL POINT OUT, BUT NOT ENTER, AREA OF SIGHTING.

3. WE ARE CONTINUING ATTEMPTS IMPROVE PERFORMANCE OF UNEF

UNITS (TRAIL AND TRACK OVERLAY, MINE REMOVAL PROPOSAL, DIRECT
COMMUNICATION LINK GHANBATT HQ, CLOSE OPERATIONAL COOPERATION)
AND APPRECIATE YOUR INPUTS THRU UN NY. DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT,
HOWEVER, LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. REF PARA FOUR REFTEL.
OUR STAFF MEETING NOTES DO NOT INDICATE IMPROVED GHANBATT
PERFORMANCE, RATHER OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP THEM
ACHIEVE IT. GHANBATT PERFORMANCE IS STILL NOT RELSBLE AND STILL
MUST BE FACTORED INTO CONDUCT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. NO ONE
HERE WANTS TO BE "HERO" IN AN INVESTIGATORY ENCOUNTER. WE DO
WANT TO GET JOB FULLY DONE AND WE EXERCISE CARE IN PROCESS.
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